

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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FRIENDLY GREETINGS TO ALL ON THIS MY 17TH ANNIVERSARY

EVANGEL MESSAGE

SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

J. S. Llewellyn, Editor and Publisher

To my thousands of friends scattered abroad, greetings:

For seventeen long years I have spread my snowy wings, decked with fundamental gospel truth, and flown over this world with the glad testimonies of blood washed saints, whose hearts have been made glad, happy and free by placing their faith in He whom I have served faithfully for seventeen years. I have endeavored to fulfill my mission and accomplish my purpose for which I was brought into existence. I have endeavored to be a medium of communication to my thousands of friends up and down this broad land. It has also been my lot to bear the news of many of my friends who have departed this life and gone to live with God and angels forever. I have communicated the noble principles for which the Church stands uncompromisingly and of which I am the official organ.

Review

On this my seventeenth anniversary we take a retrospective view and briefly consider the past. We find that the struggles and hardships have been many. At times the funds available were hardly sufficient to pay the necessary expenses, but God has wonderfully and marvelously provided the means and brought us safe to this good hour.

I have had the happy privilege of meeting thousands of friends who reached forth their hand and gave me a hearty welcome. They carefully looked over my wings, some with tears flowing from their eyes, while others have treated me with contempt and thrown me aside and denounced the messages of love and sympathy that I have carried. I have been thrown to the ditch; yet by no means dead. Finally some of my friends would pass that way, seeing me flutter my wings they viewed my peculiar appearance and picked me up and tenderly

A SOUL WINNER FOR JESUS

BESSEMER, Ala.—I am going to try to write a few words to the Evangel, about a good meeting that my wife and I attended. It was under a little brush arbor. The Lord wonderfully blessed, the people had never heard of holiness at this place. They did not seem to like it at first, but just about the time we were figuring on closing the meeting, they came around and wanted us to go and pray for sister Turney who had been sick for seventeen years. The Lord touched her body and she was healed and saved.—Your loving brother and sister Mills.

carried me on my way. They gave me an opportunity to bless others and with this and many other experiences that I have had during these seventeen years, though being thrust aside by cold and hard hearted strangers I have found my way to warm and tender hearted friends. In view of all this I have concluded that "All things work together for good."

Apology

It has been my lot to carry some messages and information that was indeed very unpleasant, but those who were in very close touch with the situation insisted that as I was the official organ of the Church it was nothing but right and proper that I should speak out on the seeming unfortunate situation that had arisen; yet it was regretted by those in charge and many of my friends that such was made necessary. Now since this is all past it is the earnest hope of the management and thousands of my friends that never again shall it be made necessary that my columns be filled with any other than real gospel messages filled with life, power and victory; testimonies all aglow with the fire from Heaven and other wholesome Church news that will be edifying and prove a blessing to my thousands of friends and to their friends and acquaintances. It is our purpose to profit by past mistakes and thus improve for the future.

Living Principles

The living principles that have been advocated through my several columns are those that will never die. Though pressed by many a foe they are destined to rise above the rubbish and soar to the heights to which the nations of the earth will look in wonder and amazement.

VALUE OF TIME

There is no time to be lost. It was said of a certain Frenchman that "he lost an hour every morning, and then spent the rest of the day in trying to catch up with it." It is folly to persuade ourselves that we have more time than we need. God gives not one second too much—but He does give us enough to fulfill his purpose. "Millions of money for a moment of time," cried Queen Elizabeth, at the last, after sixty years on the throne. Happy are they who realize the value of time before it is too late, and resolve to put out of life all that robs it of its value and usefulness, its permanence, stability, and power.

ment. Thousands of hearts have been made glad by them, homes have been made happy and communities have been revolutionized. The shouts of thousands have fairly reverberated the air in which God was glorified, His Son exalted and the Holy Ghost honored, the Church edified, Heaven rejoiced, hell trembled and the earth made glad.

Extremely Important

Thousands of my friends have expressed the importance of my weekly visits. They say they cannot afford to be without it. As I soar over the land many send messages back from whence I came, expressing their high appreciation and their heartfelt interest in my

TRAINING OUR CHILDREN

BOWERSVILLE, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord thru the Evangel which I enjoy reading so well for His goodness to us. I praise the dear Lord that a little over ten years ago He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost that abides to-day and comforts me all along the way. I sure do thank Him for His healing power. I find Him to be a friend in need and a friend indeed.

About one month ago He healed our little boy of something like pneumonia. He was taken sick one night and seemingly he couldn't breathe well, but we held on to the Lord and thru fasting and prayer the victory came and by the next morning he awoke me and said "I believe the Lord has healed me," and then went on to playing as tho nothing had ever happened. I think we, as Church of God members should train our children to trust the Lord and teach them to have faith. We have three and none of them have ever taken a dose of medicine, they know nothing but to trust the Lord. When they get sick they know nothing but to call for prayer. The Word of God says to train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it. I do not believe they will if we do our duty. There is lots to study about on these points, but if I know my heart I truly want to raise my children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I want to do more in the future than I have in the past, altho I feel mighty little in His sight. Pray for me to stand true. The enemy sure is trying us in these last days.—Mrs. J. E. Mauldin.

NOTICE TO MINISTERS

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Write your address plainly. F. J. Lee.

continuing to go on my journey to bless the world. They have concluded that the paper is a mighty factor in the hands of God and His Church to stimulate fellowship, spiritual unity and to cultivate the unity of the faith. Though there are many apparently almost on the same mission; yet I know of none other with the same intents and purposes. We cherish only the kindest feeling toward them and humbly trust that they may accomplish great good and that we all together may be true to the trust that is committed to us.

Our Opportunities

While we have encountered many obstacles and at times the

I LOVE HIM

Greeting in Jesus dear name; As I sit here tonight meditating on this subject of the Wakeful Almond Tree, it brings to me one of the greatest thoughts of these last days. We see so many people that are sleeping on the job that God has given them.

Let us go to the book of Jeremiah and see what the grand old prophet says in regard to the Wakeful Tree. Read Jer. 1:11, 12. There are some of us who are so sleepy that we cannot see the poor souls going down to hell. We are commanded to search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, but they are they that testify of me.—Your loving Brother—Henry D. Pipkin.

HEAVEN IS MY HOME

DORCHESTER, Va.—I want to sound a note this morning thru the columns of the paper for the Love I have for my Saviour. I praise Him also for His mighty healing power. Last January I took a lingering fever and was real serious, but I called on the saints to pray for me and the Lord wonderfully healed my body. It is time for us to wake up and get busy for the Lord. More is required at our hands than we are measuring up to. I want to make Heaven my home and by the help of the Lord I intend to do more for Him. Pray for me.—M. M. Vandergriff.

17TH ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

HOME COMING DAY

There will be a Home Coming Day at Eldorado, Illinois March 13, 1927 D. V. Everybody invited. We will be glad to have all the members of this local church present on that day, also as many as can come from other churches.

Come to stay all day, looking for a good time in the Lord. You will miss something if you fail to come.—J. R. Thomas, Pastor.

HERE AM I SEND ME

THE EVANGEL IS READY TO GO

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

F. J. Lee.

These are the words of Jesus to His disciples. Two of these disciples were referred to as the "sons of thunder." I have thought that these men must have gone forth with such vehement desire and energy for the salvation of the souls of men that they went thundering their voices among the inhabitants, often they would break in on the people like a clap of thunder followed by a mighty outpour of the Holy Ghost rain.

It is not into every home or community the thundering voice preachers can enter. Sometimes a tract or paper will catch some people more readily than ordinary preaching. Knowing this, the Church of God decided in 1910 to send out a silent preacher now known as the Church of God Evangel. At one time for a pet name it was called the (White Winged Messenger.) While she is no more going by this name she continues under the name of Church of God Evangel. She, like the Carrier Pigeon carries messages in the time of war as well as peace. She has the work of the Church of God at heart. She has gone into thousands of homes and brought encouragement to thousands of faint-hearted souls. Many who live many miles away from any church services have had to rely wholly on the visits of this Messenger of Truth for comfort and encouragement.

What Does She Bring?

She brings gospel messages in sermons and poems. She brings glowing testimonies from the saints scattered abroad. She

FUTURE WISDOM FROM PAST FAILURES

"Some famous engine builders in this country were once asked if they ever had an explosion of one of their engines. They replied, "No, we have not. We wish we could if no one were hurt. For we should like to know where the weakest part is." In great chain factories power machines are specially designed to make chains fall, so that the makers may know how and why and where the Chain's weakest portions are. It is sometimes in the Christian life a distinct advantage to have learned by a failure. At least, we may learn future wisdom from past failures, we may get present help from past mistakes."

brings obituaries of our departed loved ones. She brings notices, advices and instruction to the ministry and members of the Church. Also many other things of value and interest to the reader.

She has brought healing to many by the way of instruction, also because of the prayers offered for her as she is being sent on her mission, many have been healed when they laid the paper on their body.

She brings a oneness among the members by keeping them in touch with each other. If it were not for the paper the saints would seem very remote from each other, but as it is we can almost imagine that we are in each other's presence as we read the testimonies.

What Is Her Age?

She will be 17 years old March 1st. Every year of her short life she has been a blessing to thousands of people. How many saints and ministers can say the same for their seventeen years of service for the Lord? With the Boanerges ministers of today they soon grow old, then they are handicapped from service for the Lord to a great extent. Not so with the silent preacher, age does not weaken her, but she rather grows stronger. She is now in the prime of her life and she is expected to spread her wings and fly higher than ever, and even to wider fields.

Do you not love your Evangel? Do you not appreciate her visits? Then boost her, do all in your power to keep her going on her mission of helping other souls.

She is Waiting for the Call

By the little, pitiful sum of one dollar you can at present send this messenger into a new home fifty-two times.

Often we hear it said, "I wish that I could do something for humanity." Friend can you think of anything that you could do that would bless people in a broad sense more than getting the Evangel before them? I say nay. You may not be able to preach, and even if you could it would perhaps take ten or twenty dollars to pay your fare to the place of meeting and then perhaps you preach only about ten sermons. Just think about it, this preacher (the Evangel) will preach 52 sermons for \$1.00, if called immediately. She is waiting for the call, and says, "Here am I send me."

SPECIAL NOTICE

Be it known that C. W. Watkins is no longer a minister, neither a member in the Church of God.—T. L. McLain, Overseer of Tenn.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TITHES

Some years ago the Assembly discussed, agreed and passed for each Sunday School to tithe their offerings and send them to Headquarters to create a fund for the furtherance of the Sunday School interest, to pay for the first quarter's literature for new Sunday Schools etc. Many of our Sunday schools have forgotten and neglected this very important matter, therefore I take this method of stirring up your pure minds by way of remembrance, also to inform our people that very rapid progress is being made in the development of the Sunday School interest and the literature as published by the Church of God. The management has under consideration a plan by which more rapid progress can be made along this line, therefore it is all the more important that our Sunday Schools co-operate by observing the system above mentioned by the Assembly. We thank you for your favorable consideration of this matter.

EVANGEL DAY

Sunday, March 6th is set apart for Evangel Day, therefore all of our ministers and workers are respectfully requested to present to their congregation the importance of the Evangel, it being the official organ of the Church and one of the greatest factors in the extension of the wonderful truths that we advocate. It has proven a blessing to thousands and with some exceptions the prospects are greater than ever before. It goes into places where our ministers cannot go. It carries its messages to the hearts and homes of thousands each week. The Church cannot afford to be without it, its readers are unwilling to be without it, its field of activity is broadening as the years come and go. Dear readers, will you invite your friends to subscribe at the special rate of \$1.00 per year?

ORPHANAGE AND CHILDRENS HOME

We are glad to inform the many friends of the Orphanage and Childrens Home that the work is progressing very satisfactorily. The matrons and workers are moving on with their work caring for the children and giving them Christian training, and while they are faithfully discharging their duty let the Church in general remember the heavy expense of operating this most worthy institution by contributing to its

A DOUBLE HEADER HIT NORTON VA.

Brother F. A. Bowles and wife closed a successful revival at Norton, Virginia after battling with the devil for about seven weeks. They came to the town and rented a large hall about seventy-five feet long, located on Main St. After seating it they bought a piano and sent for Sister Marie Pickett of Illinois who rendered excellent music, both instrumental and vocal. The revival was a success in many ways, the crowds were large, and much interest manifested. There were about ten saved and reclaimed together, a few sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine came into the Church of God.

About one week after the close of their meeting the writer accompanied by Brother Tom Gillespie, a young soldier of the Cross, started to visit certain points on the Norton district. Norton being the first Church at which we stopped we intended to stay six nights, but when the time came for our departure the revival spirit was running so high we were persuaded to stay another week. At the close of the second week the interest had increased and the crowds were much larger, so on Sunday night after preaching I drove home after wife and her sister, Anna Hendricks, and we returned the next day and battled away another week.

Holiness has been preached in Norton for many years but this was said to be the best revival ever conducted in Norton by the holiness people. There were fourteen saved, five sanctified, about three received the Holy Ghost, and four came into the Church and eight followed the Lord in water baptism. The church was greatly encouraged and began preparation to build a church house. The Norton Church is young. The writer set it in order since the Assembly, and appointed Brother S. E. Money pastor. We believe the day is fast approaching when there will be a large and prosperous Church in Norton.

From Norton we went to St. Charles, another new Church and stayed four nights. The house would not hold the people who came, and it was the desire of the Church that we stay for a revival, but we thought best to wait until spring and get a tent so all the people who come can hear the Gospel. There were two who made peace with God during our short stay at St. Charles.—John C. Jernigan, Overseer of Va.

support regularly in order that we may have sufficient funds to pay our bills, also to provide the workers with some necessary things.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We are glad to announce to our patrons that we are taking every precaution not to be late with our Sunday School literature for the second quarter. We regret very much the congestion in the latter part of the year and the beginning of the first quarter, but this seemed to be unavoidable, circumstances to encounter over which we had no control, but it would have been worse had the Lord not helped us, so we are coming along fine. Now send in your order early and avoid the rush, thus aiding us to prevent a further occurrence of the embarrassment above referred to.

MAKING THE WORLD CHRISTIAN

TEXT—"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

Jesus had told His disciples before His death that they should meet Him in Galilee after He had risen, they did so, and while there, He gave them some wonderful instructions. He said that they should go unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, which means both Jew and Gentile. He also intimates that by their preaching they should make believers, and that these believers should be baptized in water. This of course was to be a sign or an open announcement to the world that they had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Not that this was to be the only sign, but other signs were to follow the believers, they were to speak with new tongues, cast out devils, heal the sick, take up serpents and if they drank any deadly thing it should not hurt them. These belong to believers made by the preaching of the gospel, and as the gospel message was to go into all the world it naturally implies that the same results shall follow believers in every part of the world.

He also stated that in giving to the many different nations the gospel, they should teach them to observe all things, which He had commanded them to teach and observe. Thus showing that all things binding upon the early Christians are equally binding upon every believer made by this teaching. He stated further for their comfort and strength, that He would be with them always. Other words all along this way even unto the end of the world. This should be enough to settle any inquiring mind, that the Pentecostal blessings continue to the end of this present gospel dispensation world. Another thing they were to observe was that they should baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. On the conditions of their doing this thing, He would be with them even unto the end of the world.

All Power

Go Ye Therefore.—Other words, for this reason go. Since He has all power in heaven and earth, He is able to grant unto them the power for service and for doing all that He had mentioned that believers would do. It takes the full gospel to bring full results. The writer of Hebrews states that, "It first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will." "Bearing witness" not them witness. "Them" is an inserted word.

God confirmed the gospel unto us (the saints of a later date) by them that heard Him, (the saints living at the time He was on earth.) It was confirmed with many signs, wonders, miracles and gifts, through the believers, the saints of a later date, according to His will not that it was once according to His will but that it is now and at all times.

If the Church has often faltered in her world-wide task, it is not her Master's fault. He gave the universal vision inalienable endorsement. He pledged Himself to the world-wide and age-long task.—R. C. Gillie.

It is often the case that schools, colleges or orphanages receive endowment funds and by such endowment they are able to carry on great achievements. The Lord has not endowed the Church with money. Peter speaking to the cripple, said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee." He gave to the man of that which had been given to him. This is the endowment of the Church today. Such things as mentioned above, and follow believers.

Let us imagine a very rich old man whose money is beyond enumeration, he looks upon a certain enterprise and says I have my millions and I will make an endowment to this cause, you can have money for every cause. Now suppose the trustees and leaders should say, "This is too good to be true, I just can't believe this," therefore they go on in poverty.

Is this not like the Church of God today? The mighty one says I am rich, "all power is given into my hand in heaven and earth go therefore." He says that His storehouse is full. He says, ask and ye shall receive. Knock and it shall be opened. Seek and ye shall find.

While He has said that He has set these things in the Church He further says covet earnestly the best gifts. It took these things to make a complete Church when it was first placed on the earth and He has not called them from the Church to this day. He led forth captivity captive and gave gifts to men. Thus showing that the work of fully equipping and endowing the Church could not be complete till He had died and risen again and given gifts to men. He gave the Holy Ghost and with Him comes many other gifts for the endowment of His church. Paul says, now there are diversities of gifts, but by the same spirit. Some of these are the gift of tongues, interpretation, gifts of healing which doubtless carries with it discernment, faith to cast out devils. There are many other gifts spoken of in the Word besides the nine mentioned. Paul says, "We have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office." Speaking of the physical body of man, using it for illustration. So we, being many are one body in Christ. Now since the members of the natural body have not the same office also the members of the Church, have not the same office. Speaking of the different gifts. He says having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given us. He then names them, I will quote from the Syriac Version. There is that (gift) of prophecy, there is that (gift) of ministration, there is that (gift) of teaching, there is that (gift) of consoling, there is that (gift) of giving, and there is that (gift) of a presider the margin says standing at the head. This may have reference to standing at the head of the Church as pastor. He also says there is that (gift) of sympathizer. These are some of the gifts that are set in the Church and without these very prominent ones we would have no Church. You will notice that I have inserted gift in brackets to make the meaning clear, yet it retains the thought.

Others Show Some Gifts

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Not Go Plow Corn

F. J. Lee.

I feel that it will be well to call the attention of the churches to the thought of who should be recommended to the ministry. Have you ever stopped to think how easy it is for the rank of our ministry to go to seed? I mean by this that we may recommend to the ministry so rapidly and without very much real, genuine consideration until we have many on record who call themselves preachers but can't "preach a lick."

It appears that the conception some have of what it is to preach is that if he can testify he should have papers. There are many who can testify, jump and shout, but can't even exhort. Then why should the church be so ready to set forth one like this to the ministry? One like the above mentioned should not have Exhorters license, to say nothing of Evangelist papers.

I would not think of holding a man down who has the burning zeal within him to preach. But I believe that if he has the zeal strong enough he will go to preaching if the church never sets him forth. He will prove to the world that he can preach.

Often we receive questionnaires and in answer to the question, How long have you been preaching? They will say, "I have never preached." How do you know, or how does the church know whether or not you can preach? Why in the name of common sense did you not preach for six months or a year before you let the church set you forth? And to the church, why do you so hastily set the applicants forth, just because he can testify a little? It is very important that these should first be proved as the Word teaches. This is only a mild hint, that the churches should know who to recommend.

It may be possible that some people who are out side the Church of God have some of these minor gifts, yet they know nothing of the real solid gifts that compact the Church. The disciples found a certain man who was casting out devils

EVANGEL MESSAGE

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war clouds have been heavy over our heads, we rejoice in the faith that soon our opportunities will be broadened and become greater than in all history.

If my thousands of readers would only consider the golden opportunity and do me the kindness of introducing me to at least five of their friends or acquaintances and influence them to receive weekly visits for just one year it would enlarge my opportunities for good many thousands. Why not put forth some special effort along this line and thus prove a blessing to many?

Friendly Co-operation

Finally let us have the friendly co-operation of all the ministers and workers throughout the land in all departments of the Church, and thus enjoy together the prosperity of the Church, remembering that friendly co-operation is very necessary to the success of the publishing interests of the Church, orphanage work, Bible Training School (local and by correspondence), home and foreign mission and all other allied interests of the Church.

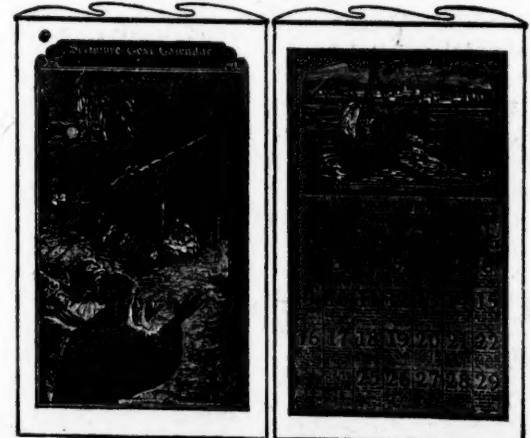
With love and best wishes for the success of every official, minister and member and the whole Church I submit to my thousands of friends this friendly greeting.

and they wanted to cause him to cease, but Jesus said, forbid him not, much as to say, "If such men can do any good let us not hinder them, but brethren let me whisper something right here. If this man and many more like him, whom the disciples wanted to put out of business, continued in their good work and then through knowledge given by able teachers were able to move on to other gifts such as that of prophecy, teaching, giving consoling ministration, sympathizing and presiding they had the Church of God the same as did the Apostles. You remember that Paul did not at first know anything about the Church of God but the Spirit led him to go immediately into the work and he consulted not flesh and blood. Later he received a revelation who was casting out devils

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I am glad this morning that we are still in Bible School and the presence of the Lord is still with us. He meets with us each day as we meet to study the Word, and we are having a good time.

Some of the boys and girls have been called home for different reasons, but we who are still here are enjoying the school, but when we think of parting and going in nearly every direction it makes our hearts sad. It is just like a family parting; we have learned to love each other and we are just like one big family, then a joy springs up in our soul to know that it won't be long until we will be back again and have some new ones with us.

Please pray for the Bible School and that we might be a great success in winning souls for Jesus.—W. F. Sharpe.

A TEXAS STUDENT

Well, it has come my time again to write for the Evangel. I'm sure we are not just writing to have our names published but that we may tell those who are not in school how the Lord is blessing and surely all will be glad to know that His approval is still upon the school, for which we praise Him.

My mind has been wandering back to-day to the time when the Lord came into my life and gave me peace and joy for discontentment and sadness. Now I have the promise of never being tempted over and above that I am able to bear and He will with the temptation make a way for me to escape.

Why should any one neglect serving the Lord? I am sure the Lord can get along without me, but He is so real to me I don't want to try to get along without Him in my life. Ever since I received the Holy Ghost I have had a desire to know more about the Word of God and I feel there is not a better place for me to be to learn His Word than here in Bible School.

I have had people to say they didn't see why I wanted to come to a school like this. I suppose they think it is like being in jail. Now we are not in jail, neither are we out on the streets at night, but we are in a Church of God Bible School, a place where we can sing, pray and have a good time in the Lord, and as Paul said, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:8.

One that desires to be a soul winner.—Cleo Wood.

FEELING GOOD IN MY SOUL

N. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I do not feel very good in my body, but feel real good in my soul. I feel just like going all the way with the Lord. Bless His name. I promised the Lord two months ago if He would heal me of a bad cough, I would testify of it through the Evangel, so I sent a handkerchief to Brother Lee and before it returned my cough was all gone, but I am giving God all the praise, not Brother Lee. I ask all that read this to pray for me that I may get closer to the Lord and do something for Him, for He has done so much for me. Pray for my husband that is

STUDENT FROM ANDERSON, N. C.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matt. 26:41.

We find that this was a strict command that Jesus gave His disciples at a critical time. I imagine I can hear His clear words ring to-night, "Were ye thus unable to watch with me one hour?" His disciples had doubtless grown weary of the great strain and loss of sleep, but this was no time to sleep. That is the trouble with the most of us. We are asleep on the job too much. If we could just get a picture to-day how we stand in need of prayer surely there would be more of it done. Signs would follow them that believe and many wonderful things would be done that are not. If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:14.

Some may say that this was under the old law. It was, but it must be observed to-day as much as in the time in which it was written. We are under more obligations to-day than any people have ever been. There are more opportunities for willing Christian workers than has ever been known, but the need of the hour is more prayer, that the old time Pentecostal fire will break out and go through the lines of the enemy, that men and women will fall under the mighty power of God and cry and say, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" This will only be when God's people get themselves in the spirit of prayer and get crucified to the world.

There is more love and fellowship here in school than I ever saw before. I believe the reason of it is that we spend much time on our knees in communion with God. Paul in writing to Timothy, 1. Tim 2:8, I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. There are many prayers to-day that don't amount to anything and there are many good reasons for it. David said, If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me. Jesus said, Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. The writer to Hebrews said, Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which a man shall see the Lord. So if you sin every day in the face of all these Scriptures and many more that are as plain as these, you need not expect to get your prayer through to the Glory World. Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold whose height was threescore cubits and the breadth thereof six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Dan. 3:1. The king set this image up for the purpose of all his people to worship. He first called for his princes, governors, captains, treasurers, counsellors, sheriffs and all the rulers of the province to come to the dedication of the image. Then a message was sent out that at what time they heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer and all kinds of music they should fall down and worship the golden image. Those who did not fall down were to be cast in the fiery furnace. We find that there happened to be three Hebrew men among the number of people who didn't care how many images were set up or how many decrees passed, they were going to serve the God of their fathers, so they just kept on as before. They didn't seem to be the least uneasy or afraid. They knew the God who they prayed to would deliver them, so the king had his law honored and they were cast into the fiery furnace after it had been made seven times hotter than its natural heat. The king, expecting to see the flames devour them, looked and instead of three he saw four walking in the midst of the fire, and he said the form of the fourth was like the Son of God. Not even their hair was singed, no smell of fire on them. What a great victory won. We are serving the same God today that they were then, so if we expect to be overcomers in this great Christian warfare we will have to pray and hold on to God until the race is run and our course is finished.—T. L. Willix.

MAKING THE WORLD CHRISTIAN

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lation that he should go to Jerusalem and get in touch with those of note at Headquarters, he did so and they pronounced his work just as real and genuine as theirs.

We do not minify and discountenance the good that others are doing and if we should, doubtless Jesus would say the same to us as he did to the early disciples, "Let them alone," but let us remember that Jesus did not say that they were entirely right. In fact there is no evidence that they knew anything about the teachings of Jesus further than to cast out devils and see some sick healed. We know of people that the evidence seems that they actually cast out devils and often the sick are healed. They also shout, talk with tongues and have great spiritual manifestations, yet they know nothing of the more solid and substantial gifts that form His Church.

God hath placed in His Church, first legates; after them prophets; after them teachers; after them workers of miracles; after them gifts of healings, helpers and leaders and various kinds of tongues.

Legate.—One sent on a special commission. They fulfilled the commission.

Prophet.—One who prophesies or preaches will not cease until that which is perfect is come. The heavenly state.

Teacher.—To teach the Word showing rules, laws and doctrine.

Workers of Miracles.—Valuable within the Church.

Gifts of Healing.—Gifts to be used in all manner of healings.

Helpers.—Clerks, treasurer, deacons, Sunday school superintendent, singers etc.

Leaders.—This pertains to the government. The King James version says after helps, government. These were set in the Church and without some signs of them surely there could be no Church of God. It is the Church that is the pillar and ground of the truth. Therefore the real truth should go to all the world. This wonderful pillar was built for the purpose of holding up the truth regardless of who else may cast out devils and heal the sick.

A PARALYZED SOUL

Robert Hill.

I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him. Judg. 16:20.

It is said that Paralysis comes upon its victims unaware. A man may have a shock while he is asleep, and to his astonishment, he tries to shake himself but finds his strength is gone. Oh how sad. I imagine it was quite a shock to Samson, who had gloried in his wonderful strength, to find that when he shook himself that he was as powerless as other men. This was of course a sad disappointment indeed, but there was something still more disappointing to him when he found that the Lord had departed from him. The Vampire Bat will fan its victim to sleep, while it sucks its blood, just as sin does its deadly work to PARALYZE a precious soul, yet that person may not be aware of it until it is too late. The story of Samson ever stands as a warning to us to avoid even the appearance of sin. If we will study his Victory—Defeat—And Death; and the fact that many great and mighty men have fallen and bleached their bones along life's pathway, proves to us that SIN will always pay its WAGES. Oh what a calamity for a man to wake up and find that the Lord has departed from him. Samson's life may be divided into three chapters: 1st Victory, 2nd Defeat, 3rd Death.

VICTORY:—He was blessed by Godly parents, was a Nazarene from birth, he grew up in the knowledge of God. His name signified "Distinguished, or Strong," and he proved his title in the camp of Dan and among the Lords of the Philistines. He killed a lion as easily as a kid, and carried the gate of the city, bars and all, up the hill. Could not be bound with cords, he slew a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. The secret of all his strength, was the Spirit of God upon him. No man can accomplish supernatural things without the Holy Ghost.

DEFEAT:—Defeat after such success is sad indeed, but like many are doing today, SAMSON PLAYED WITH SIN. He allowed Delilah to dwindle him upon her knees and listened to her flattering words of betrayal. Yes, to be sure he did, and to his sad awakening. No man can take fire into his hands and not be burned. It began with an unholy alliance, and little by little the binding cords of sin were wound around this mighty man of God. And under the seductive art of Delilah, the secret of his strength was exposed. He was shorn of the long, flowing locks, Oh what a pity to see some one who has been a power for God in bringing precious souls to the knowledge of the saving grace of God, and then see them become like Samson. Powerless. How our hearts yearn to see them back in fellowship with God, winning souls for His Kingdom.

There are Three Steps in Backsliding

There were three steps in Peter's declension. First he followed Christ at a dangerous distance, "Afar off." Second: he associated with the wrong crowd. Third: he warmed by the devil's fire. Sudden backsliding is an exception to the rule. Almost all backsliding comes gradually. First temptation, then the yielding, then the sinning. The serpent tempted Eve, she listened to his voice, she

thought upon the proposition, and willingly yielded. You see the devil is very reasonable in order to get some of God's people to listen to his story. Eve, believed his reasoning and sinned, hence the sad fall of Humanity.

Temptation is not sin, but an invitation to sin; and if harbored for even a moment is liable to result in your Spiritual downfall. Oh, precious souls, do not stop to listen even for one word of the enemy's soul killing, seductive reasoning. When lust is conceived it bringeth forth sin and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death. And to be safe one must discard immediately every unholy thought the instant it is presented; for the devil is its author. But let us remember that if all the professed world should backslide today the act would be voluntary on our part, yet if an angel should come down and take Pikes Peak for a pulpit, and all of Texas for an Auditorium and preach a sermon against Holiness, though every professor of Holiness was questioned and it would be found that none had the experience, that all was mistaken it would not change the fact of God's blood bought plan of redemption. It's so, because the Bible says so, yet men are backsliding in numbers that is appalling. Oh Church, are you not stirred in your conscience?

If your very soul is not stirred, I pity you. The greatest danger of today is following Christ at a dangerous distance. There is so much evil before us, the world's allurements are a fact everywhere observed, and, they are logical and reasonable to a man who is following at a dangerous distance, "Afar off," but to one who is walking close up to the Lord's warm, loving, tender heart the world's allurements has no attractions for him whatever. It seems that so many try to walk just as close to the world's side of life as possible, in fact, some walk so close you can't tell the difference until you see them in the Amen Pew. But the farther away one gets the farther away he wants to get, and it is a pleasure to move back on the Lord's side of life. A life of indifference, careless and neglect and a prayerless, devotionless life will prepare one for an outright denial. "I know Him not," and a change of associates; we will seek a crowd that is congenial with our heart's condition every time. The world's crowd will appeal to one who is drifting towards the danger line and it is so strange how hard it is to get one who is drifting that way to retrace his steps and seek a full fellowship with Him, when declension is once begun. The world's crowd is fascinating to one who is following "afar off," and of course warming by the devil's fire then becomes logical and reasonable, and associating in the wrong crowd soon results in a final crash or the last step in backsliding. Oh backslider, if you are reading these lines can you not see the danger signal? Please retrace your steps and renew your covenant with He who is able and waiting with a bruised, torn and bleeding heart, longing to see you make one move towards Him.

When declension has set in one cannot see any danger in assuming a popular attitude toward the things which they at once could not possibly endorse, much less participate in. Oh ardent soul, you who have been a close follower of the Christ of Calvary, in days gone by, won't you search yourself and see if you are in full fellowship

THE SILENT PREACHER

The seventeen year old silent preacher is still making her way into the homes of its many lovers and friends. She leaves this beautiful town of Cleveland, Tenn., every Tuesday or Wednesday of each week. She is being prayed over every time she leaves and many, many, have written to her home and said that she came with blessings untold. Many have been encouraged by her appearing; some have been made to cry when they heard her silently say that many had been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, since her last visit. Others have been healed by her visits—still others have been led into the light of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Another good thing about this silent preacher is, she does not take any glory to herself for all the good she accomplishes; but in a quiet way states to her audience that God has answered prayer and has glorified Himself in saving, healing and filling people with the Holy Ghost.

Her subjects are various. Sometimes she speaks about the trials of the children of God; cites her readers to the Scriptures and proves to them that this is the lot of the people of God, and at the same time assures that God uses that method in perfecting us and getting us ready for either death or translation and that in the world to come we will have the happy privilege of seeing the one who bought us with His blood. Too, she points out the pitfalls laid for the younger Christians, and at the same time points out a way for their escape; she warns them that it is dangerous to take in worldly amusements, and above all shun such company who do not love the religion of Jesus Christ.

Since she is such a sweet, silent speaker and stands for a holy life she is not without appreciation. The man or woman that does not like the way of holiness and the infilling of the Holy Ghost, does not think so well of her, but it matters not how despised she may be and how she may be ridiculed she never answers back, but keeps coming from week to week with the good salvation story that she has been telling for these seventeen years.

She needs your support. While she is telling the good news from week to week for money, yet it takes money to send her from her home here in Cleveland. Just think she brings you about fifty good messages yearly and I am sure that she is the cheapest messenger you can find anywhere. Give her your support and prayers.—Written by E. J. Boehmer.

GREAT THINGS EXPECTED IN OKLA.

We are having some good services out here. The weather has been so bad until it has hindered us some. I was up to Stroud, Okla., a few days ago where Brother Stamper of Ohio was conducting a revival, set the Church in order with twenty members. Prospects of a good work there. There is a good chance for many more churches in the State, but we have no pastors for them.—E. W. Williams, Overseer.

with Him or has the spirit ceased to manifest itself.

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REPORT OF MY TRIP TO ILL.

I arrived in Mt. Vernon, Ill., on the last day of 1926. We had services at the church that night and continued over Sunday. We found Brother Yates at his post of duty and the little church moving on nicely. They are having a hard time financially but doing their best and the Lord is blessing them wonderfully. I promised them to return there for a revival some time in the near future, D. V.

From there I went to Logan, and had one service there. The weather was very bad, but in spite of it all the house was about filled with folks and we certainly did enjoy being there. Brother Bixler, took me from there to W. Frankfort. I was there for several services, and Jan. 16th was Home Coming there, and the Lord blest us in a wonderful way. The services were very interesting, and we raised more than two hundred dollars to pay on the church debt. From there I went with Brother Joplin to Johnson City. Brother Goins, had a revival on there. Brother Joplin and I visited Pittsburg, where Brother Luther Richard from Lenoir City, Tenn. had a meeting on.

I also visited Eldorado, and found the folks greatly encouraged and the work moving on nicely. They certainly do love their Pastor, Brother J. R. Thomas. From there I visited Brother T. J. Milligan's church at Harrisburg. There we met Brother M. L. Lowe from Detroit, Mich., and the Lord met with us and though it was very cold and disagreeable we had a good service and the folks seemed to be encouraged. Brother W. A. Summers took us from there to Ridgeway, for one service, and there we found some good old folks who were full of the Holy Ghost, and we surely did enjoy being with them.

Brother Webb McAnally took me from Johnson City to Carmi, where he has charge and is building a house for the church which he will soon have ready for services. The weather has been so very bad in Illinois that those who are building have been hindered but we have some folks there who are determined to do something for the Lord and they are moving right on. The folks at Pittsburg haven't their building done yet, but Brother Joplin has quit the mine and is going to finish their church building and they are greatly encouraged.

From Carmi, I went to Lawrenceville, Ill. Brother Toney Ford, the Pastor, met me at the station. We had two services there, the Lord blest and the people seemed to be greatly encouraged. Brother R. A. Fielden and wife came over from Chancey, Ill., where they have a new house almost ready to dedicate. Brother Fielden organized the church there just before the Assembly, so you see they are moving on nicely.

On the 20th of January I got off the train at Christopher, Ill. Brother J. L. Goins met me and told me that the revival was on and that souls were already getting to the Lord. It was raining, sleeting, and snowing, there being snow on the ground already, so all that came down froze on everything and it almost looked impossible for folks to come out, but some fixed ice corks for their shoes, and the crowd increased from time to time till the house would not hold the people. Great conviction settled down on the people and many would come to the

NOTICE

To all whom it may concern: Evangelist E. M. Mead of Joplin, Mo., has not gone with A. J. Tomlinson, but is standing foursquare for the Church of God as he has always stood.—

A PARALYZED SOUL

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Samson says, I will shake myself as at other times, for he wist not that the Lord had departed from him. Oh what a spectacle to see the preacher shake himself as at other times, but the Holy Ghost has departed. Sin is like a beautiful siren, when she tempts, but as ugly as a raw-boned hog when the prey is in her grasp. The lovely tresses become snakes, and the dove-like eyes become as the eyes of a viper.

Now there are two classes of backsliders; there is one class who is perfectly honest with God and man, and when they find that the Lord has departed from them they acknowledge the fact and either ask for prayer or retire from the victory side, or the amen pew. Then there is another class, who go out and shake themselves and just keep on shaking themselves and shaking themselves, instead of coming back to the altar, they try to manifest a spirit of victory, but if you will notice they are always in a class to themselves; for their demonstrations no longer move upon any one, no longer have any grip or influence, their power is gone. The Holy Ghost will shake things up as sure as you live, but when He moves there is always something doing, but we must leave these to the infinite mercy of the great God of the universe.

Poor Samson, his enemies triumphed over him, how often they had plotted his ruin but failed; but now they had him. They bound him with fetters of brass, they put his eyes out, they made him grind in the prison house. Now the first thing that happens to a backslider, he loses his power. If he is a preacher he may use the same sermons, the same phraseology, he may shout as loud and jump as high as ever, but no one is ever heard to say, "Men and brethren what must we do?"

They put Samson's eyes out. Now the second thing that happens to a backslider, he loses his vision. If the light that is in thee become darkness, how great is that darkness. There is no fresh revelations, no new insight into the Word of God. The old sermons, the old testimonies, the old prayers have lost their grip. The third thing that happens to a backslider is that he loses his liberty. Sin is not only BLINDING, but BINDING.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty and of course where the Spirit of the Lord is NOT there is BONDAGE. Yes, they not only bound him, blinded him, took away his eyesight and bound him with fetters of altar and pray thru. Twenty-seven were saved, fifteen sanctified and about nine filled with the Holy Spirit, and the meeting still continued. I left them Feb. 7th. A full report of the meeting will be given later.

I am glad to say that the work in Illinois is moving on nicely, that we have lots of good folks up there that are full of fire and greatly determined to do something for the Lord, and that the outlook for the work in Illinois is very good. —M. W. Letsinger, overseer.

brass, deprived him of his liberty, but they made him grind in the prison house. Life now to him is a continual GRIND, GRIND, GRIND.

Now the fourth thing that happens to a backslider is that he becomes a sport and a byword to the unconverted people around him, just as Samson did. He became a sport and a byword to the enemies of Jehovah. Is this the Samson of which we were afraid? Is this the preacher who made us tremble when he preached on sin and the judgment? And Lo, he has become like other men. His life is now formal and powerless, no peace, no joy, no power, just GRIND, GRIND, GRIND. Poor Samson, he might have died in this sorrowful plight, but Oh the great infinite mercy and love of the Almighty God is as high as the heavens and deeper than the deepest sea, thank God. Say, backslider, Jesus Christ came to the world of mankind that had drenched the world in each other's blood, they had made Passion their potentate, and mated their God. Man had made a mess of the whole thing. Man was doomed, yea forever doomed to everlasting destruction. I say He came to just such a world to redeem it from sins, terrible pollution, and lift poor weak, fallen humanity to that high and exalted position that he lost in Eden, when man was driven forth to die. The antediluvian world gave itself up to eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, they were created to glorify God, but they worshipped the creature; they minded the flesh and brought the flood upon the earth. Sodom and Gomorrah transgressed God's law, and the cities of the plains were destroyed. But God sent His Son from His presence to redeem just such a world, and span the chasm between man and God.

Oh backslider, if you are reading these lines, won't you retrace your steps and hurriedly make your way back to the mercy seat of God, yea, run for your life. There is DEATH in your pot, but there is LIFE. Yea ETERNAL LIFE in the midst of His love supernal. I say, will you call once more upon the God that you called upon who abundantly pardoned, and be like Samson after all? One day in the agony of his soul while his enemies feasted and praised Dagon, their god, in a great building he called once more upon Jehovah to help him, and now won't you call once more upon that tender, loving Jesus Christ who came to stand between you and an angry God to redeem you from sin's terrible plight, and give you a home eternally in the heavens among the redeemed of all ages? I say, won't you come back home to die no more? Samson prayed that heart breaking prayer, "O Lord remember me, I pray thee!" God heard his cry, and the roof with about three thousand people crashed down upon that great company of Philistines and they all died, so you see he slew at his death more than he slew in his life. You need not think because you have made a failure to stand the test that you cannot be of any more service for God. Don't you remember the way that Jesus came to His disciples after they had toiled all the night and had caught nothing how that He said, "cast your net on the right side" and Peter said, "nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net" and they inclosed a great multitude of fishes. Right in the very Church where you have failed

to testify, the very place where you have failed to live Holiness, God can so fill you with the Holy Ghost that you will be a power for Him.

Right here in the very same place, in the same old way, with the same old nets they were willing to change masters from self to Jesus. Launch out into the Deep. Some interpret this to mean, get in deeper water, but I believe the disciples were familiar with all waters in these regions and knew where the fish collected themselves because they were fishermen by occupation. I believe the secret of their success was, they were doing for themselves at their command, and now they were doing it for Jesus, at His command. Oh dear fallen one Jesus Christ will walk with the Magdelenes and the outcasts. He will Grace Poverty, yea He will lift every poor, torn, bleeding heart to full fellowship with Him if you will only give Him one more chance. Yea, He is the meek and lowly Nazarene, yea, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. My God, save the backsliders. Yea His blood ran down His wounded side while dying on Calvary, to heal your backsliding, bless His name.

There is a chilling wave creeping over the Church that is cooling the ardor of many Christians, which if we are not rescued from will result in death. Many good Christians have taken the three steps which Peter took, denying their Lord and consequently the land is filled today with backsliders and chronic seekers. It is appalling. It is enough to drive the true followers to their knees, for an old fashioned heaven sent, sin-killing, soul satisfying revival. My God! the altars are barren, the schools are full of destructive criticism, society is reeking with uncleanness, and we have practically a low standard of morals. And say brethren, unless we have a Bible revival fresh from the skies, yea a revival of REGENERATION and FULL SALVATION, it won't be long until iniquity will be full to the brim out yonder in the soon tomorrow. Oh if the wayward, backsliding, Christ denying followers could only get one look at the Christ whom they have denied, such a look as Peter got that sad night after the cock crew, which reminded him of his Lord's saying. One look from that innocent face, broke his heart and he went out and wept bitterly. I say if you could get one look such as Peter got you would surely make haste to be reconciled to God.

But I say if hearts could be broken, and fountains of tears be opened to flow, there would be a return of the backslidden to the fold. There would be rejoicing in the house of God. Yea, there would be shouting and weeping for joy in the house of the Lord where silence has reigned so long. Oh Holiness professors! listen—When you find a lack of interest in the Bible, and in secret prayer, and Holy devotion, beware. Public prayer is good and necessary, but secret prayer, away off some where is to be openly rewarded. I find it pays to be still, and wait upon the Lord some times. "Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalms 46:10.

And now ye Paralyzed soul, hear the cry of David. "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, wash me, and I shall be whiter." Listen! "WHITER than SNOW."

FIRE OF GOD FALLING AND THERE IS A SOUND OF ABUNDANCE OF RAIN

N. Ruth (Hagewood) Bowles

I have been silent for quite a while, and have had many letters from friends, wondering why I do not write again. I have been engaged exclusively in evangelistic work since the Assembly, Husband and I went to Richmond, Virginia for a few days, and on our return back to Cleveland, Tenn. Brother Jernigan persuaded us to stop over in Marion, Virginia for a revival.

Although the weather was very disagreeable, the Lord poured out His Spirit. The crowds were splendid. Several were blessed and we left the altar full of seekers. Each night a number of nice things were brought in for the orphans; and while I am not especially engaged in that work now, I think it is the duty of every true child of God to be interested in work of this kind. It was a pleasure to me to pack a large barrel of jellies, jams, preserves etc., besides lots of other things. I am sure that God will reward each contributor fourfold.

From Marion, we were prevailed upon to go to Norton, Virginia. The Church had only been set in order there for a short while. They only had a small place there to worship in, so it became necessary to find a larger place. The people were ready to do what they could and soon we had a large building rented on Main street near the center of town. Performed a lot of hard work getting things prepared. Telegraphed for Sister Marie Pickett, of Benton, Illinois, to assist us in singing and music, and opened fire on the enemy. We had a well filled house, many of the business men attending. With the exceptions of a few times during the severe weather, just before the holidays, when people were so busy shopping.

We had a nice little program on Christmas day, and about 150 well filled stockings, for the poor children. 100 of these were made and filled by friends of ours at the Norton Hotel, who were not members of the church and some not even Christians. Therefore, we appreciated it even more highly. There was a toy in each stocking, besides a lot of other good things. Sister Pickett, had charge of the program and I can say she doesn't come behind with her calling. We appreciate her so much. She is a fine musician and singer. She also shall have her reward.

We also remembered the orphans as requested on Christmas day, with an offering, and likewise presented to a brother, who was nearly blind, a large box of groceries and other good things, which we had the people to bring in and which were received by the brother, joyfully.

We had a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit from the Lord on several occasions. Pentecostal people of several different bodies being present. The Lord blessed us together and we love them all.

Eleven were saved, several sanctified and filled with the Spirit. Also organized a good Sunday school, introducing the orphanage march and birthday offering. We were glad to have the State Overseer visit us, and after having the load well up the hill, left it for him to bring over the top. And I hear the end is not yet. There was a time set for baptizing but the creek was frozen over and a big snow on

the ground, so it was postponed. Brother Money, the pastor assisted us in every way he could.

The people of Hiawatha, W. Virginia had written for us, so on January 20th, we packed and pulled out for Hiawatha. Arrived about dark tired and worn out, but found light, warmth and comfort at the home of Brother and Sister Akers. They have a nice large home, but their hearts are even larger yet. They take all that comes and can always make room for one more. They will not be weighed in the balance and found wanting, for not having shown hospitality, I am sure.

Then having rested a couple of days, started in another battle Saturday night. Brother Bowles and myself taking night about preaching. In answer to prayer, the Lord began convicting souls and from the beginning the altar was well filled with seekers, until at present there are twenty-four seekers. Twenty have been saved, ten sanctified and four or five filled with the Spirit. The best unity prevailing I ever saw. Quite a few of the Pentecostal Holiness Church folks, also a Baptist minister, have labored faithfully with us; there has been no friction, because there is Oil (Joy and gladness) in the box—(Heart). The meeting has been going on a little over two weeks and we do not know what the future holds, but we think we hear an abundance of rain. Praise the Lord.

We enjoyed a visit from State Overseer, H. N. Scoggins, also District Overseer, Brother Vaught, as also Brother Thomas.

We expect to go from here to Princeton, and desire your prayers that we may be found faithful.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We have just received information that a certain man by the name of Edward Sever has been visiting the churches in Kentucky and was expecting to go to Detroit and other points. He passes himself off as a Bishop in the Church of God, but had lost his credentials. He also is writing his own recommendation, stating that he is a special friend of F. J. Lee. I understand that he has been able to get some of the members to sign his recommendation. He makes special pulls for collections.

I will state that I kept the man in my home several days. He wanted membership with the Church, also wanted credentials. We did not receive him or give him credentials. We decided that he talked too much. Our spirit could not blend with his.

We have heard similar reports as the above, so if he is telling the things mentioned above, he almost has the right name. Deceiver. So to the churches I will say be on your watch.

F. J. Lee.

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